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1. The following table was allegedly extracted from official documents. It attempts to give the total number of barrels (Rollreifenfaesser) suitable for the transportation of liquid fuels at each of the LHZ Kraftstoffe und Mineraloel branches (Niederlassungen). The average content of each barrel is given as 200 liters:

<u>Niederlassung</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Zinc-lined</u>	<u>Non-Zincod</u>
Berlin	4,300	3,980	320
Potsdam	3,100	2,800	300
Leipzig	15,600	14,320	780
Dresden	17,800	15,100	2,700
Stettin	5,800	5,330	470
Schwerin	6,000	5,200	800
TOTAL	52,600	47,230	5,370

2. The above table includes 7,800 barrels which were delivered by Eisenwerk Meile during the course of 1953. It is believed that these barrels were originally scheduled for the Volkspolizei; LHZ KuM had planned to receive 10,000 new barrels during 1954 and had not expected any increase during 1953. The new containers, however, are very poorly made; the bands around the circumference of the barrels, instead of being separate pieces of metal bound around the surface, are merely ridges pressed out of the barrel surface. The zinc coating is so thin that barrels received in the third quarter of 1953 are already beginning to rust. Moreover, the screw tops to the containers are not properly machined to prevent leakage.

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